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SUBJECT: KIEV CAR THEFT, STATUS REPORT

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1. ADVANCE PARTY CHIEF PORTER INQUIRED WITH KIEV INGOS-
TRACH OFFICE FEB 28 RE INGOSTRACH DECISION ON REIMBURSE-
MENT FOR DAMAGES TO PORTER ZHIGULI. LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE
ADMITTED NO DECISION HAD BEEN MADE DESPITE PASSAGE OF
FOUR WEEKS SINCE CLAIM SUBMITTED JAN 31. EMBASSY WILL
RAISE REIMBURSEMENT QUESTION IN MOSCOW.

2. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, UKR. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AF-
FAIRS INFORMED ADVANCE PARTY FEB 28 THAT KIEV MILITIA
CHIEF ZAKHAROV HAS WRITTEN MFA RECOMMENDING AMERICAN VEH-
ICLES NOT BE PARKED OVERNIGHT ADJACENT TO FLORENTSIYA
NO. 9 BUILDING IN ORDER TO AVOID VANDALISM. ZAKHAROV PRO-
POSED INSTEAD THAT ADVANCE PARTY UTILIZE PAY PARKING LOT
ACROSS RUSANOVKA CANAL, HALF A MILE AWAY. HE ALSO POINT-
ED OUT THAT PARKING LOT AT FLORENTSIYA IS POSTED FOR NO
OVERNIGHT PARKING.

3. PORTER THANKED OFFICIALS FOR CONVEYING ZAKHAROV'S AD-
VICE AND ASKED IF AMERICANS WERE REQUIRED TO PARK AT PAY
LOT. SOVIETS ASSURED THIS WAS NOT THE CASE. PORTER RE-
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MINDED SOVIETS THAT NO PARKING SIGN AT FLORENTSIYA HAD
APPEARED SEVERAL DAYS AFTER OCT 31 THEFT OF HIS CAR,
AND THAT FOR PREVIOUS 8 MONTHS THERE HAD BEEN NO SIGN.
PORTER OBSERVED THAT RATHER THAN "PROTECTING" AMERICAN
CARS WITH NO PARKING SIGNS, ADVANCE PARTY WOULD EXPECT
CITY MILITIA TO CONTINUE ROUTINE PROTECTION AT FLORENTSIYA
AS THEY WOULD ANYWHERE IN CITY. TOON

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